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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is being filed responsive to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 11, 2003, to amend subject application to correspond to claim amendments presented in an Amendment And Response To Final Rejection filed May 9, 2003, which was refused entry and which, though in proper form when filed, were no longer so when consideration thereof was requested in Request for Continued Examination (Box 1 a. i.) filed July 28, 2003. The claims, including the amended claims from the Amendment And Response To Final Rejection, appear in this paper in the current format. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims appear in the listing of claims, pages 2-3.

Remarks and Arguments appear at pages 4-7.

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